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Sir:

Under 37 CFR § 1.181(a), Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the reasons set forth below. Prompt consideration and granting of the petition is respectfully requested.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

- On October 5, 2006, Applicant received a first Office Action on the merits, mailed September 27, 2006, regarding the above-referenced application. The Office Action Summary indicates that the drawings filed on 05 July 2005 are "accepted." The Detailed Action does not address or object to the drawings.
- On March 26, 2007, Applicant received a final Office Action, mailed March 19, 2007. The Office Action Summary indicates that the drawings filed on 05 July 2005 are "accepted." The Detailed Action does not address or object to the drawings.
- 3. On July 9, 2007, Applicant received the Notice of Allowability, which indicates that corrected drawings must be submitted including the changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review attached "hereto." Applicant did not receive the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review indicated as being attached to the Notice of Allowability. The Detailed Action does not address or object to the drawings.
- 4. On September 17, 2007, Applicant paid the Issue Fee without submitting corrected drawings.

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#### REMARKS

On November 5, 2007, Applicant received the Notice of Abandonment, mailed October 26, 2007, according to which the application is abandoned due to Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings. Applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned because the Office accepted the drawings (cf. Office Actions mailed September 27, 2006, and March 19, 2007), and corrected drawings were in fact not required. No fee is required.

Applicant believes that the request for corrected drawings in the Notice of Allowability was in error because the Office previously accepted the drawings, the Examiner does not address or object to the drawings, and a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review was not attached to the Notice of Allowability.

Applicant submits further that according to Public PAIR the Notice of Allowability does not have a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review attached.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully petitions the Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment, and to complete the issue process.

If any issues remain or require clarification, the Office is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1//12/07

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